

DEC 10 2004

CROMPTON | SEAGER | TUFTE | LLC

Patent, Trademark & Copyright Attorneys

1221 Nicoller Avenue, Suite 800
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403-2420
Phone 612.677.9050
Fax 612.359.9349

FAX TRANSMISSION

DATE: December 10, 2004

TO: Commissioner for Patents
Attn: _____
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM: David M. Crompton

OUR REF: 1001.1684101
TELEPHONE: 612-677-9050

Total pages, including cover letter: 5

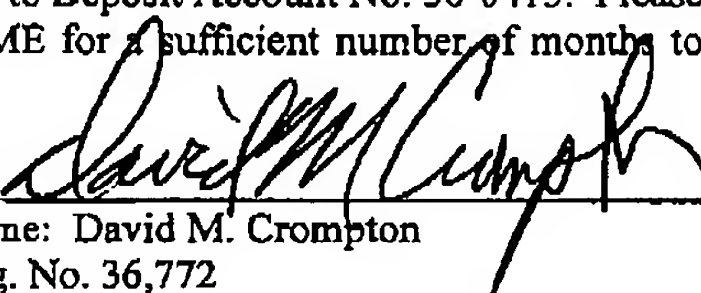
PTO FAX NUMBER: 703-872-9306

If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at (612) 677-9050, or fax us at (612) 359-9349.

Title of Document(s) Transmitted: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT,
CERTIFICATION FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT, AND FORM PTO-1449

Applicant: Show-Mean Wu et al.
Serial No.: 10/637,142
Filed: August 8, 2003
Group Art Unit: 3763
Our Ref. No.: 1001.1684101
Confirmation No.: 3414
Customer No.: 28075

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0413 in the amount of \$____, Fee Code ____.
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By: 
Name: David M. Crompton
Reg. No. 36,772

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.


Name: Kathleen L. Bookley

December 10, 2004
Date

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

DEC 10 2004

P A T E N T

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Show-Mean Wu et al. Confirmation No.: 3414
Serial No.: 10/637,142 Examiner: Unknown
Filing Date: August 8, 2003 Group Art Unit: 3763
Docket No.: 1001,1684101 Customer No.: 28075
For: CATHETER SHAFT FOR REGULATION OF INFLATION AND DEFLATION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**CERTIFICATION FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1))**

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8 (1)(B))	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at <u>703-872-9306</u> on the date shown below.	
<u>Kathleen L. Boekley</u>	
Type or print name of person signing certification	
<u>Kathleen L. Boekley</u>	<u>December 10, 2004</u>
Signature	Date

Dear Sir:

This certification is being made for the Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this certification.

CERTIFICATION

I, the person signing below, certify that each item of the information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)).

Appl. No. 10/637,142

Cert. for IDS dated December 10, 2004

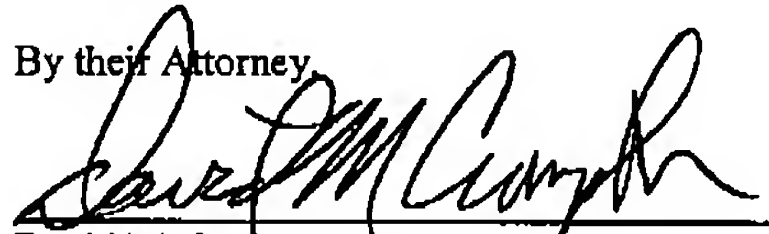
Further, I state that the aforementioned foreign communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

The person making this certification is a person who is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information in the attorney's file.

Respectfully submitted,

Show-Mean Wu et al.

By their Attorney,

Date: 12/10/04

David M. Crompton, Reg. No. 76,772
CROMPTON, SEAGER & TUFTE, LLC
1221 Nicollet Avenue, Suite 800
Minneapolis, MN 55403-2420
Telephone: (612) 677-9050
Facsimile: (612) 359-9349

DEC 10 2004

P A T E N T

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Show-Mean Wu et al. Confirmation No.: 3414
Serial No.: 10/637,142 Examiner: Unknown
Filing Date: August 8, 2003 Group Art Unit: 3763
Docket No.: 1001.1684101 Customer No.: 28075
For: CATHETER SHAFT FOR REGULATION OF INFLATION AND DEFLATION
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8 (1)(B))**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9306 on the date shown below.

Kathleen L. Boekley

Type or print name of person signing certification

Kathleen L. Boekley
SignatureDecember 10, 2004
Date

Dear Sir:

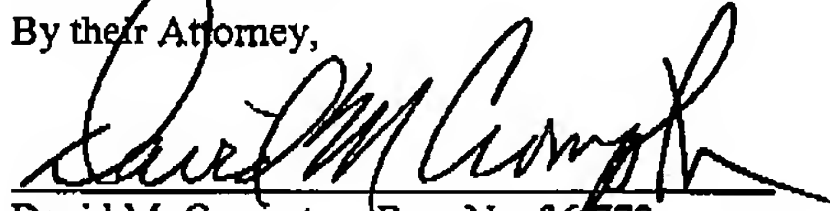
Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

Show-Mean Wu et al.

By their Attorney,



David M. Crompton, Reg. No. 36,772
CROMPTON, SEAGER & TUFTTE, LLC
1221 Nicollet Avenue, Suite 800
Minneapolis, MN 55403-2420
Telephone: (612) 677-9050
Facsimile: (612) 359-9349

Date:

12/10/04

FORM PTO-1449	Atty. Docket No.: 1001.1684101	Serial No.: 10/637,142
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	Applicant: Show-Mean Wu et al.	
	Confirmation No.: 3414	
	Filing Date: August 8, 2003	Group Art: 3763

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Date	Name	Filing Date If Appropriate
AA	5,697,944	12/16/1997	Lary	
AB	6,306,151	10/23/2001	Lary	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document No.	Date	Country	Translation Yes No

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.